To Louis Lyon
From Harold Weisberg
Samuel Thomas North (3211 Huntlee Dr., Algiers; 362-0325)

Barbara Reid had asked me to interview North and his wife without having time to background me. I spoke to him today. His wife was away at the time.

At the time of his marriage to Judith Marie Ruth North, 9-21-63, he had lived at 508 Madison.

He was interviewed by the FBI, doesn't remember the agent's name but does recall wondering why the agent gave him a picture to identify when he had made clear he had never seen Oswald. His presumptions is it was to get a set of prints so, he said, "I gave him 10 clear ones". The agent asked if he had ever seen Oswald on TV when he said he never had in person.

North is with the city, checking on utilities instalations. He has and had no special territory, like the 4900 block of Magazine St.

He said the agent led him to believe he and his bride had come out of Mexico the day Oswald entered . From what North told me, the agent should haveknown better. He dates the interview at about two weeks after the assassination.

Theycame out at Reynosa, Oswald entering at Laredo. At first he added,"the same day". As I said, he never saw Oswald.

North is positive he and his bride left Mexico the 24th because they did not like it. Saturday they were at Houston, Sunday at Laredo. They consulted the advertised Mexican insurance company and were advised to go via Romeo(?) because of the reported effect of heavy rains on the roads. They took this advice. They made Monterrey by dark, "hit the town" the next day, didn't like it, chose Horsetail Falls (also didn't like) over Brewery, and left in a.m. for Reynosa where they "had a time" finding the birder station. AFTER they were in Texas they returned to Mexico at Matamoras, from Brownsville, for about an hour, to get his wife's mother a purse, which they had forgotten in Monterrey.

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